Railway Awards to the Staff

*317. SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some railway awards are given to staff of the Ministry of Railways every year;

(b) whether some awards are also being given every month in the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the description of such awards with criteria fixed in this regard and the gap required to give award to the same person again and again?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) Sir.

(c) Staff of the Railway Ministry are being given awards under the following two schemes—

(1) **Railway Board Cash Award:**

This scheme was instituted in 1972. Under this scheme meritorious and deserving employees upto the level of Section Officers are given awards at the Annual Railway Week Function held in April every year. The amount of award is Rs. 500 per employee in the Gazetted cadre and Rs. 400 per employee in the non-gazetted cadre along with merit certificates.

(2) **Monthly Cash Award:**

This scheme was introduced in 1988. Under this scheme awards are given to the outstanding and meritorious staff at the Monthly Functions which are held on the last working day of the month. The amount of award fixed for various categories of staff is as follows:—

Ghoup 'D' staff upto Rs. 200/-
Group 'C' staff upto Rs. 400/-
Group 'B' staff upto Rs. 500/-
Group 'A' staff upto Rs. 1000/-

Normally the same person is not given the award within a period of 2 years. In exceptional cases, some of the staff have been given wards more than once in relaxation of the normal rules.

Decision of the Supreme Court on capitation fees

*318. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a whether the Supreme Court has issued orders to Government in the cases known as caption frees cases directing the concerned authorities to frame rules and regulations for fixing the capitation fees and tuition fees to be charged by the self-financing medical colleges, as per the scheme fromulated by the Supreme Court; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to implement that order during 1993-94 academic year?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) The Supreme Court have in their judgement of 4th February. 1993 *inter-alia* directed that the State Governments shall constitute a Committee to fix the ceiling on the fees chargeable by private professional colleges.

(b) Appropriate action is being taken by the State govts. concerned.

Electrification of Railway line between Kharagpur-Khurda

*319. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have appointed study group for assessment for electrification of the railway line between Kharagpur-Khurda; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, the details as to whom the said study has been assigned and by when the report is to be submitted alongwith the extent of study so far made?